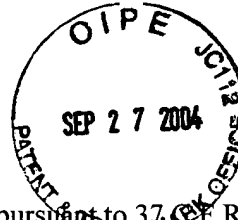


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Applicant(s): John C. Opie et al. Docket No.: 60458.00003  
 Application No.: 10/618,456 Group Art Unit: 3739  
 Filing Date: July 11, 2003 Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
 TITLE: PERCUTANEOUS DEVICE AND METHOD FOR HARVESTING  
 TUBULAR BODY MEMBERS

**TRANSMITTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner:

Herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

[ x] Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27.

Enclosures:

[ x] Preliminary Amendment  
 [ x] Request for Correction of Filing Receipt Data

**FEE CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED:**

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Total Effective Claims	33	minus	33	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	=	\$0.00
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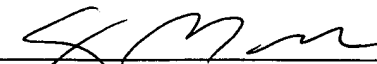
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 22, 2004

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Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

Applicants hereby request the Examiner to consider the Amendments and Remarks beginning on pages 2 and 3, respectively.